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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 1 Percent From Last Year

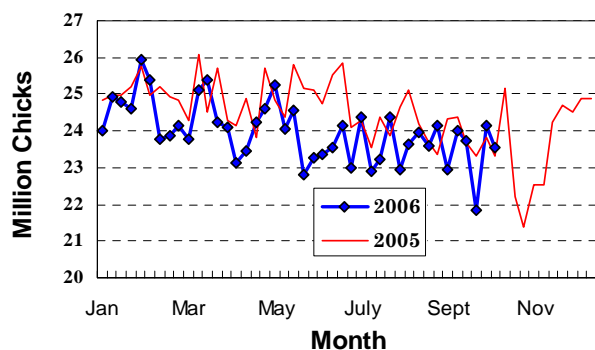
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.6 million during the week ending October 21, 2006. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2005, but down 3 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2005 through October 21, 2006 were 1.0 billion, down 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 23.4 million, down 5 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and down 4 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 83 percent.

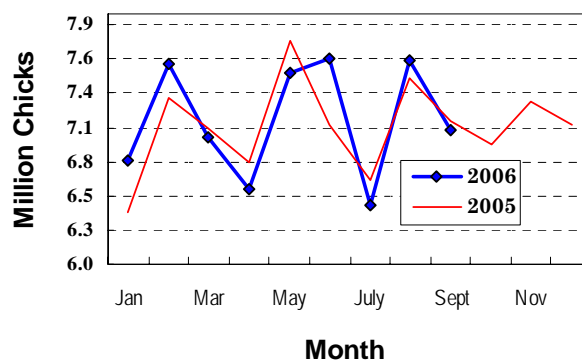
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 27.3 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 21, 2006, down 4 percent from the same period last year, and down 3 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.06 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during September 2006, down 1 percent from September 2005.

Chicks Placed in Arkansas by Week, 2005-2006



U. S. Broiler-Type Pullet Chicks Placed for Domestic Hatchery Supply Flocks, 2005 - 2006



Week Ending 1/	Chicks Placed in Arkansas		
	Year		% of Prev. Year
	2005	2006	
	Thousand		
Sep. 16	24,319	22,926	94
Sep. 23	24,398	24,013	98
Sep. 30	23,676	23,720	100
Oct. 7	23,317	21,851	94
Oct. 14	23,807	24,163*	102
Oct. 21	23,299	23,550	101

	U.S. Pullet Chicks Placed		
Month	Year		% of
	2005	2006	Prev. Year
	Thousand		
Apr.	6,800	6,593	97
May	7,783	7,531	97
Jun.	7,109	7,636	107
Jul.	6,657	6,456	97
Aug.	7,484	7,631	102
Sep.	7,132	7,063	99

1/ For previous year, it is the comparable week.

* Revised

Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Weeks, September 23 - October 21, 2006

State	Eggs Set						Chicks Placed					
	Week Ending						Week Ending					
	23-Sep	30-Sep	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	% 1/	23-Sep	30-Sep	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	% 1/
	<i>Thousand</i>						<i>Thousand</i>					
Alabama	31,433	29,609 *	30,200	29,668	29,440	96	21,319	19,528	20,748	20,797	19,963	93
Arkansas	29,266	28,174 *	27,263	28,049	27,323	96	24,013	23,720	21,851	24,163 *	23,550	101
Delaware	3,798	3,865	3,697	3,683 *	3,605	98	4,757	5,084	4,321	3,961 *	4,760	80
Florida	1,367	1,369	1,374	1,374	1,372	98	1,454	1,582	1,281 *	1,426	1,449	92
Georgia	34,325	33,748	34,923	34,766	32,557	104	29,988	27,746	26,968 *	27,565 *	27,084	104
Kentucky	7,645	7,086 *	7,535	6,764	7,462	120	6,416	5,723	5,630	6,094 *	5,669	99
Louisiana	3,954	3,954	3,399	3,802	3,678	96	3,884	3,523	3,664	3,733	3,470	87
Maryland	8,694	8,713	8,879	8,362	8,445	97	5,593	5,559	5,306	6,809 *	6,523	139
Mississippi	16,491	16,201	17,064	16,934	16,094	91	15,203	15,193	15,702	15,237	14,477	93
N. Carolina	18,391	18,437 *	17,135	17,507 *	18,039	100	14,071	14,804	14,743	15,191 *	15,277	104
Oklahoma	6,454	6,162	6,579	6,455	6,232	94	4,543	4,866	5,115	4,020 *	4,411	97
Pennsylvania	4,255	4,119	4,069 *	3,875 *	3,922	105	2,935	2,788	2,490 *	3,065 *	3,025	98
S. Carolina	5,281	5,249 *	5,484	4,951	5,481	109	4,484	3,839	4,421	4,256 *	4,271	88
Texas	14,004	14,235	14,913	14,525	12,536	95	12,585	12,471	11,863	11,857	11,990	116
Virginia	6,155	5,674	6,398	6,186	5,782	93	5,162	4,762	5,541	4,734	4,222	91
CA,MO,TN&WV	16,045	16,496 *	16,627 *	16,848 *	14,968	87	16,030	16,125	15,220	15,458 *	15,077	94
19 State Total	207,558	203,091 *	205,539 *	203,749 *	196,936		172,437	167,313	164,864 *	168,366 *	165,218	
Prev. Year Total	207,247	204,691	209,968	202,542	202,413		171,921	170,757	165,328	168,732	166,512	
% of Prev. Year	100	99	98	101	97		100	98	100	100	99	
Approximate Marketing Date 2006 2/							11-Nov	18-Nov	25-Nov	2-Dec	9-Dec	

* Revised in current week.

1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

2/ Industry average; seven weeks from placement.

Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 3 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 197 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 21, 2006. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 21, 2006. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through October 21, 2006 were 7.29 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.